



The Historical Search Society (Mold)

Established 1976

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Society rules and Constitution amended AGM 1990

- 1. This Society will adopt the code of conduct for responsible metal detectorists as laid down by the National Council for Metal Detecting, The North Western Federation of Metal Detecting Clubs and approved by the Society at a general meeting.**
- 2. No member must make contact with other groups or individuals using the Society's name, without the prior permission of the committee**
- 3. Before being accepted as a member of this society, applicants will be required to declare that they are not already members of any other metal detecting club within The National Council For Metal Detecting, North West Region.**
- 4. Members of the society may not join any other metal detecting club in the NCMD North Western Region without immediately forfeiting membership and members rights of this society.**
- 5. Only fully paid up members will be allowed to use the Society's facilities, and only paid up members will be allowed on to land sites where permission has been obtained from the owner by the club for detecting outings. At no time must non-members carry out searches on such land held by the club as a club site.**
- 6. Members who have let a previous membership lapse for a period of one year will be subject to the same conditions as a new member.**
- 7. Prospective member's applications will be viewed at the first committee meeting available and if accepted, a membership card will be issued subject to the appropriate membership fee being paid.**

8. If a member is dismissed from the Society for failure to meet any / all of the rules there will be no refund of subscriptions.
9. Members are required to attempt to attend as many club meetings, outings, exhibitions as possible, this is to help ensure the viability of the Society.

The minimum age for joining the Society will be 14 years.

11. Annual subscriptions will be charged at the current rate in force at the time of application.
12. Each member or visitor attending meetings shall pay an entrance fee if in force at the time. This will include the price of a cup of tea or coffee by way of refreshment.
13. Any land gained by the Society for searches with metal detectors shall not be classed as open sites for members to detect. (An open site will be classed as a site on which members can detect in between club visits by permission of the owner) This will happen only after the first visit if the site owner and the committee agree and will then be announced by the committee in a subsequent Newsletter. The reason for this restriction is to save the site from being over detected when further club outings may still be arranged, with the result that fewer members attend an organised outing, and the revenue is reduced for the farmer, and may have to be made up from Society's funds.
14. The committee reserves the right to institute any conditions, additions, or amendments to the above where they believe it to be necessary in the best interest of the members or of the Society.
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OBJECTS.

The object of the Society is to promote the interests of its members, and to promote a spirit of unity amongst its members, and to perform any act conducive to the above approved by its members.

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE

- (A) The Society shall have the following officers. Chairperson. Secretary. Treasurer.

There shall be a committee consisting of the above officers and (six) 6 members these will all be elected at the AGM each year from among the membership.

- (B) The officers shall be unpaid but receive free membership of the Society for the period of office and also be allowed to claim legitimate expenses incurred whilst carrying out the Society's business. However all

committee members will pay the NCMD-North West Region fee ruling at the time..

- (C) A vacancy caused by any Officer or committee members' resignation can be filled by a temporary appointment, pending approval of the membership at the first Society meeting.

MEETINGS.

- (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the end of March each year, with at least 10 (Ten) months between each one.
- (B) That a committee meeting shall be held each month. The first month commencing with the AGM.
- (C) That normally a meeting of the Society shall be held every calendar month commencing with the AGM., taking place on the second Friday of each month.
- (E) That the Chairperson or other officer shall normally chair each Society meeting.
- (F) That matters to be raised at such meetings shall be made known to the chairperson before the meeting commences.
- (G) That the Society shall allow non-members to attend Society meetings and any outings on payment of the appropriate fee.

QUORUM

- (A) That for a Society meeting a quorum of at least (Two) 2 Officers and at least (Eight) 8 Society Members is required.
- (B) That for a committee meeting a quorum of at least (One) 1 Officer and (Five) 5 Committee members is required.
- (C) That for an Annual General Meeting a quorum of at least (Two) Officers and (Fifteen) 15 Society members is required.
- (D) If no quorum is present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, then the meeting shall be adjourned to a later date.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION.

- (A) At least one copy of the rules and constitution must be available at all society meetings.
- (B) All officers other than the chairperson have a right to vote. If the vote for and against a motion is tied then the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
- (C) Voting at any meeting shall be limited to one vote per member on any issue.

- (D) Unless specifically requested by at least one third of the members present that a different method be used then voting shall be by a show of hands.
- (E) A motion shall be deemed to be carried by a majority vote.

CHAIRPERSON

- (A) The chairperson of the meeting shall be the final authority on all matters relating to the conduct of that meeting.

TREASURER

- (A) The treasurer must place before the Annual General Meeting a balance sheet showing the state of the Society's finances at the last day of the previous month, and income and expenditure accounts covering the period from the last date of the last balance sheet up to the current one. The account must be signed by the treasurer.

SECRETARY.

- (A) The secretary must maintain a written account of all committee meetings, and of the Annual General Meeting, comprising details of the venue, date time and a list of members present, details of motions passed or rejected and the results of the voting.
- (B) The secretary in consultation with the Chairperson, is responsible for the convening of the Annual General Meeting and notification of the meeting to all Society members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

- (A) Membership fees are payable in accordance with the current scale of fees and shall be payable before a member may take part in any of the Society's activities, except as visitors.
- (B) Existing members must renew membership by paying the appropriate subscription within (Two) 2 months of the AGM, failure to do this will result in club sites not being available to the existing member and the loss of the news letter.
- (C) The scale of fees can be altered at any time upon the recommendation of the Officers and committee, being approved by the membership at any club meeting.
- (D) Payment of these fees shall entitle a member to vote at meetings and at the AGM.
- (E) That where a person applying to join the Society produces proof that the current NCMD fee has already been paid, then the Society shall reduce the applicable membership fee by the amount of the current NCMD fee.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

- (A) A member may be expelled from the Society for bringing the Society or the hobby in to disrepute, for breach of Society rules, or any act considered not to be in the best interest of the Society or the body of its membership.

- (B) A proposal for expulsion from the Society must be considered by the Officers and committee and their decision shall be final.

- (C) A member under threat of expulsion from the Society must be given notice in writing of the nature of the complaint, by whom it was made and given the right to reply to the committee who will consider the case.

- (D) There is no appeal procedure.

TERMINATION OF THE SOCIETY.

In the event of the Society disbanding, the monies and equipment held in the Society's name, will be distributed at the discretion of the committee sitting at the time of any such dissolution.

Secretary
Mr.Cameron Edwards

Signed **Mr.Vince Jones** **Chairperson.**

.....Mrs. Pat Cameron.....Treasurer

.....Mr. Cameron Edwards.....Secretary